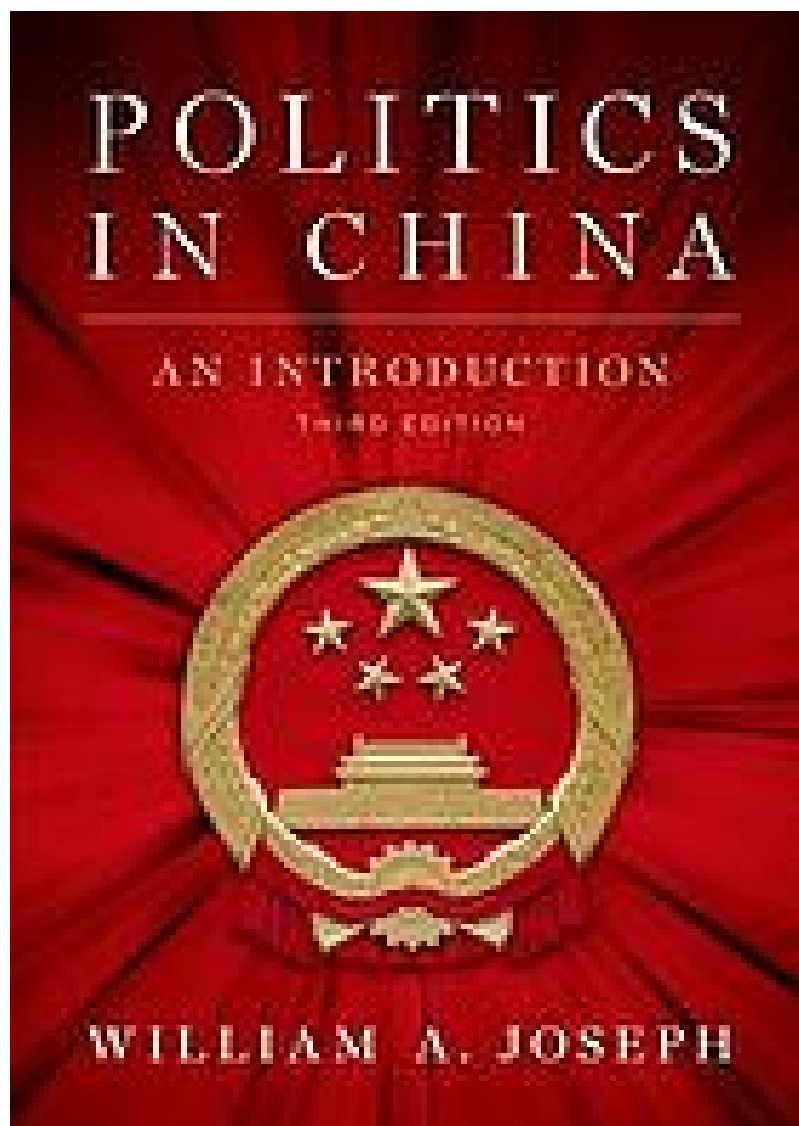


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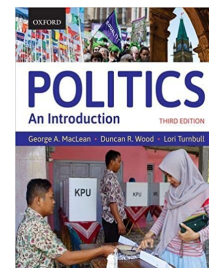


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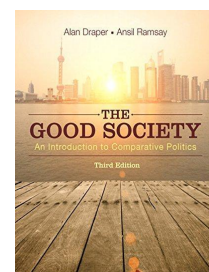
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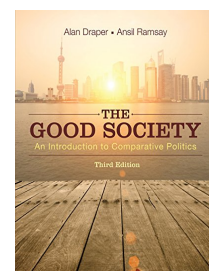
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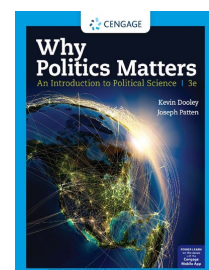
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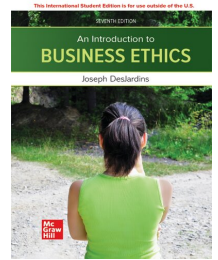
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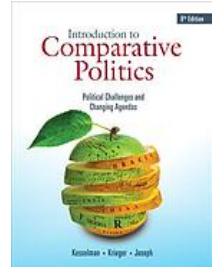
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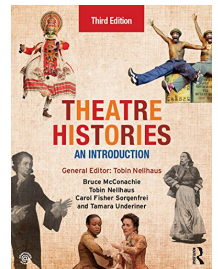
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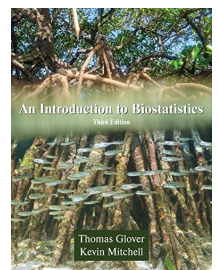
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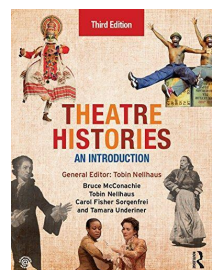
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*The Master said, “To learn something, and then to put it into practice at
the right time: is this not a joy?”*

Confucius, *The Analects*, Chapter 1, Verse 1

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The news from the People’s Republic of China (we called it “Communist China” or “Red China” then) reaching Western audiences in the mid-1960s was, at best, piecemeal and sketchy because of Cold War hostilities and the PRC’s self-imposed isolation from much of the world. It would be quite a few years before the terrible destructiveness of the Cultural Revolution and the atrocities committed by the Red Guards would become widely known and well-documented.

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ACWF	All-China Women's Federation
BRI	Belt and Road Initiative
CAC	Cyberspace Administration of China
CC	Central Committee
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CCRG	Central Cultural Revolution Group
CCTV	China Central Television
CCYL	Chinese Communist Youth League
CMC	Central Military Commission
CMS	Cooperative Medical Scheme
CNNIC	China Internet Network Information Center
CPSU	Communist Party of the Soviet Union
DPP	Democratic Progressive Party
ELG	Export-Led Growth
GAPP	General Administration of Press and Publication
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
HKSAR	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
HLLAPCs	Higher-Level Agricultural Producer Cooperatives (Collectives)
IMF	International Monetary Fund
KMT	Kuomintang
LegCo	Legislative Council
LLPAPCs	Lower-Level Agricultural Producer Cooperatives (Cooperatives)
LSG	Leading Small Group
NCNA	New China News Agency (Xinhua)
NPC	National People's Congress
PAP	People's Armed Police
PBSC	Politburo Standing Committee
PLA	People's Liberation Army
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